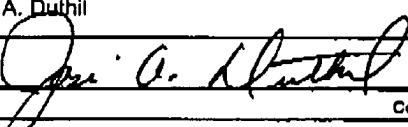


<p style="text-align: center;">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.</p> <p>See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)</p>	Application Number: 09/544,292				
	Filing Date: April 6, 2000				
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	Group Art Unit: 2876				
	Examiner: U. Le				
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<p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</p> <p>Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.</p>					
<p>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</td> <td style="width: 50%;">iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</td> <td>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</td> </tr> </table>		i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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<p>3. Fees</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The filing fee is calculated as follows:</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)</p> <p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for extension of time for (one Month) \$110.00</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge the fee of \$880.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.</p>					
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interviews granted on January 7 and 23, 2004.

During the interview of January 7, 2004, the Examiner, her supervisor, and Applicants' representative discussed the differences between proposed amendments to claims 1 and 16 and the self-monitoring delivery system disclosed in *Manduley et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,043,908). The Examiner and her supervisor agreed to consider the claim amendments and notify Applicants' representative whether the claim amendments put the case in condition for allowance. In the second telephonic interview on January

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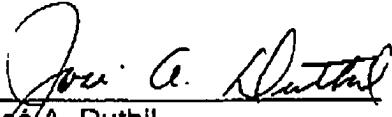
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23, 2004, the Examiner notified the Applicants' representative that the claims, as amended, were patentable over *Manduley* and the other art of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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